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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The district boards, under pressure, are taking up many works, or are starting too many institutions and the Government are advising them to economise expenditure as far as possible."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Sir, in view of the deficit budgets of various district boards, will the Government advise the district boards not to open new high schools or other institutions? They may hand them over to Government or private agencies—for instance, the whole education work can be handed over to private agencies and the expenditure of district boards minimized? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Government have already asked the District Boards not to start new institutions."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Sir, in view of the financial stringency of all the district boards, will the Government consider the question of paying the extra expenditure incurred by district boards on payment of dearness allowance to the staff as a matter of course? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Grants towards dearness allowance are being paid to the extent to which district boards are in deficit."

Questions 239 and 240—

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions 239 and 240 are postponed to tomorrow."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Financial assistance to Burma evacuees.

25 Q.—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 26th November 1952 to question No. 178—

(*a*) in how many cases the financial assistance given during the last war to help evacuees from Burma, Malaya, etc., and to the dependants in India of Indians stranded overseas, in Malabar district, has been ordered to be recovered;

(*b*) in how many cases such amounts have been ordered to be written off;

(*c*) the total amount recovered up to 31st December 1952 from each taluk of Malabar district; and

(*d*) the expenditure incurred by the State Government for such recovery?

A.—(*a*) Recoverable advances amounting to Rs. 1,24,44,890 were sanctioned in 18,966 cases.

(*b*) 107.

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(c)

Taluk. (1)			The total amount recovered. (2)		
			RS.	A.	P.
Chirakkal	..	..	83,323	4	7
Kottayam	..	..	38,819	12	9
Kurumbranad		..	68,359	4	0
Kozhikode	..	..	3,804	12	0
Wynad	..	..	186	11	0
Ernad	..	..	7,093	0	0
Walluvanad	..	..	9,622	8	0
Palghat	..	..	17,086	0	0
Ponnani	..	..	9,631	8	0

(*d*) Nil. (The expenditure is borne by the Government of India.)

Cottage and small-scale industries.

26 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications in 1951 and 1952 for supply of controlled raw materials to various cottage and small-scale industries and tho number of cases for which help was given;

(*b*) to what extent the new schemes of development of cottage industries have been implemented in 1952; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Gandhi Memorial Trust have made a gas plant to produce power from the local refuse, and if so, what action the Government propose to take to popularize such plants in the villages for production of cheap power?

A.—(*a*) The information is as follows:—

	1951.	1952.
Number of applications received (for the supply of iron and steel).	1,443	1,605
Number of cases in which help was given.	1,057	1,280

(*b*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

Textile goods used by Government departments.

27 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the varieties of textile goods and their quantities in yards that are being consumed by the various consuming departments of the Government; and

[a] **Printed as Appendix I on pages 550–554 infra.**

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(*b*) the quality particulars of those varieties (information to be furnished in the following form) :—

(1) Name of the variety;

(2) Dimensions of the unit (width in inches and length in yards);

(3) Type of weave;

(4) Colour;

(5) Count of warp;

(6) Count of weft;

(7) Ends for inch;

(8) Picks per inch; and

(9) Price paid per yard or unit?

A.—(*a*) The varieties of textile goods and the quantity consumed by the various departments during 1951–52 are given in the statement [a] enclosed.

(*b*) The detailed particulars are not readily available in certain departments. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information required will not be commensurate with the public interests served.

Harijan hostels.

28 *Q.*—Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan hostels subsidized by the Harijan Welfare department in 1952; and

(*b*) the number of Harijan students studying in various high schools and colleges who are in receipt of residential scholarships in the State of Madras?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the particulars required are for the year 1951–52. A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

Grow More Food Campaign.

29 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount of money expended by the Government on account of Grow More Food Campaign in each district of the State except Malabar since April 1943 and inclusive of March 1952?

A.—The particulars have to be gathered from the various districts and from the heads of departments concerned. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of the data will not be

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 554–558 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 558 infra.

commensurate with any public purpose the information is likely to serve. The hon. Member's attention is, however, invited to a brochure brought out by the Director of Information in the year 1951 showing the achievements under the Grow More Food Campaign during the five years from 1947–48 for each of the districts in the local languages.

Relief to orchard growers of Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah district.

30 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to starred question No. 28 answered on 3rd July 1952 on the floor of the House, what steps the Government took to relieve the distress of the orchard growers of the Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah district?

A.—Rajampet taluk is not an area where acute distress prevails due to drought and there is no proposal to grant any relief to the orchard growers of that taluk.

Exemption from payment of kist to the peasants of Chirakkal taluk.

31 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar recommending the exemption of the payment of kist, varam and pattam by the peasants of Ramapuram Pazayamgadi in Chirakkal taluk in North Malabar as their paddy crop was destroyed by the entry of salt water?

A.—No.

Minimum wages for industrial employees.

32 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many industries in the State minimum wages were fixed for the employees; and

(*b*) the names of such industries and other details thereof?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Minimum wages have been fixed in respect of the employments specified below:—

(1) Employment in any woollen carpet-making or shawl-weaving establishment.

(2) Employment in any rice mill, flour mill or dhall mill.

(3) Employment in any tobacco (including bidi-making) manufactory.

(4) Employment in any plantation, that is to say, any estate which is maintained for the purpose of growing cinchona, rubber, tea or coffee.

(5) Employment in any oil mill.

(6) Employment under any local authority.

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(7) Employment on road construction or in building operations.

(8) Employment in stone-breaking or stone-crushing.

(9) Employment in any mica works.

(10) Employment in public motor transport.

(11) Employment in tanneries and leather manufactory.

Extent of waste lands in Chingleput district.

33 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of acres of lands lying waste in Chingleput district talukwar in the year 1940 and in the year 1952 exclusive of communal poramboke lands;

(*b*) how many acres were assigned to political sufferers since 1940;

(*c*) how many acres were assigned to ryots other than the Harijans possessing more than three acres of lands of their own since 1940;

(*d*) how many acres were assigned to Harijans since 1940; and

(*e*) how many acres are being cultivated without assignment or permission?

A.—(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) 1,832·38 acres.

(*c*) *to* (*e*) The information is not available.

Selection of candidates by the Madras Public Service Commission.

34 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many candidates out of the 1,020 candidates selected by the Madras Public Service Commission in years preceding the year 1950–51 and who remained unprovided with jobs on 31st March 1951 (vide page 3 of the Annual Report for 1950–51 of the Madras Public Service Commission) remained so on—

(1) 31st March 1952; and

(2) 31st October 1952?

A.—Out of the 1,020 candidates who remained unprovided for on 31st March 1951, 961 were provided for before September 1952. The remaining 59 candidates were brought on to the new lists of candidates prepared on the results of the examinations held in 1952. Actual figures regarding the number of candidates unprovided for on the 31st March and 31st October 1952 are not available.

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Refund of fees by the Madras Public Service Commission.

35 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applicants for competitive examination for Madras Ministerial Service who were not admitted to the examinations, i.e., 2,355 and 3,269, respectively, in 1949 and 1950 (vide page 3 of the Annual Report of the Madras Public Service Commission for 1950–51) and of 424 absentees in 1950 (vide page 37 of the same report) in how many cases the fees were refunded in 1949 and 1950 as per provisions of G.O. Ms. No. 1612, Public (Services), dated 14th August 1940, to those who could not sit for the examination; and what amounts were so respectively refunded;

(*b*) how many candidates applied for the competitive examination held for the Madras Ministerial Service in 1951 and 1952 by the Madras Public Service Commission; and of those how many were admitted to sit for the examination in 1951 and 1952 and of those admitted to sit for the examinations, how many were absentees in 1951 and 1952 from the examinations; and

(*c*) what amount was refunded and to how many applicants for competitive examinations referred to in (*b*) under the provisions in G.O. Ms. No. 1612, Public (Services), dated 14th August 1940?

A.—(*a*) Out of the candidates who were not admitted for the competitive examination for the Madras Ministerial Service in 1949 and 1950, refund of fees was sanctioned to 32 candidates in 1950 in accordance with the instructions in G.O. Ms. No. 1612, Public (Services), dated 14th August 1940. Of the 32 candidates to whom the fees were refunded, 23 candidates were selected supplementally for appointment to the same service on the results of the competitive examination held in the previous year (1949) and hence they were not required to sit for the examination once again. Refund was sanctioned in the remaining nine cases as the absence was due to causes for which the candidates were not responsible, such as illness, etc. The total amount refunded is Rs. 320.

(*b*) & (*c*) The information is furnished in the statement below :—

Particulars.	Years. 1951.	1952.
(*a*) **Number of candidates who applied for admission to the Ministerial Services examination**	3,168	11,862
(*b*) **Number of candidates admitted to the examination**	2,486	10,332

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Particulars.	Years. 1951.	1952.
(c) Number of absentees ..	55	673
(d) Amount of fees refunded and to how many applicants	Rs. 400 to 40 applicants.	Rs. 1,450 to 145 applicants

Habitual offenders' settlements.

36 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state with reference to answer to unstarred question No. 36 on 25th November 1952—

(*a*) what are the names of the establishments employing inmates of habitual offenders' settlements asked for in (*c*) of question No. 36; and

(*b*) how many children confined to Sitanagaram and Stuartpuram Settlements were lent to establishments for labour outside the settlement?

A.—(*a*) The names of the establishments employing the inmates of habitual offenders' settlements are—

Aziznagar.—(1) Public Works Department establishments engaged in road repair work, etc.

(2) Private landowners, during agricultural season.

Sidhapuram.—Nil.

Sithanagaram.—Public Works Department establishments engaged in anicut works.

Stuartpuram.—Indian Leaf Tobacco Development Company, Chirala.

(*b*) None were lent to establishments for labour outside the settlements.

Nominations to Advisory Committees.

37 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether instructions were issued by the Government to the various departments to invite only Congressmen to public functions and to nominate only such persons to the Advisory Committees constituted by the Government;

(*b*) whether instructions of the type in (*a*) were issued before 31st March 1952; and

(*c*) whether the Government reversed the instructions and, if so, what are the instructions now in vogue?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) No such instructions were ever issued either before 31st March 1952 or after and there has been no need to issue any reversing orders.